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**Activities on geospatial information within the
United Nations system****Activities on geospatial information within the
United Nations system****Note by the Secretariat**

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report of the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group on activities on geospatial information within the United Nations system, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the way forward in considering United Nations system activities on geospatial information.

Summary of the report

At its second session, held in August 2012, the Committee of Experts discussed a number of substantive items that touched upon the need to consider and assess efforts that are being undertaken within the United Nations system, in particular those that are technical in nature and that could contribute to the programme of work of the Committee of Experts, in areas such as sustainable development. The report was prepared in order to inform the Committee about the various technical geospatial activities under way, including those of the Working Group. It will provide the basis for a discussion among Member States on the ways in which the various activities complement and support the programme of work of the Committee of Experts.

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